

Dear Sirs:

I'm writing concerning the proposed changes to the General Class radio license.

It is a mistake to drop the code requirement. In any field, a participant is required to demonstrate some level dedication. Yes code is necessary when more complicated modes fail. As in any field it is up to the participant to stay proficient and on top of their craft. Dropping the code requirement is nothing more than "dumbing down" the requirements and could destroy the hobby. After all, it's not a right but a privilege.

Sincerely,  
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